

Information Disclosure Statement

IDS Form 1449 is attached identifying the references of record in parent application Serial No. 08/825,368 and 08/948,011. No other prior art relevant to the subject matter of the claims in this application is known at this time.

Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 4 is fragmentary view with parts broken away for clarity of the shiftable segment-holding vacuum plate assembly of the invention; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken along line 5-5 of Fig. 4 and further depicting the construction of the shiftable plate and anvil assembly; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view depicting the input end of the plate and anvil assembly, with the cooperable die assembly illustrated in phantom; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line, 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 8 is a sectional view taken along line 8-8 of Fig. 4 which illustrates the side panel members of the shiftable plate and the underlying anvil assembly;

C3 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Fig. 9 is an enlarged, fragmentary partial vertical section which illustrates one of the eccentric drive motor units coupled with the shiftable segment-holding plate; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C24 -- Fig. 11 is a schematic block diagram illustrating the interconnection between the computer controller of the die cutting apparatus and the sensing cameras and stepper motor drive units; --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C5 -- Turning now to the drawings, and particularly Fig. 1, die cutting apparatus 30 is illustrated. The apparatus 30 broadly includes a die cutting press or station 32 equipped with a die set 34, a material feeder assembly 36 for sequentially feeding stock to the station 32 for sequential die cutting of web segments 38 thereof (Fig. 21), and segment positioning apparatus 40 adjacent die set 34 for accurate positioning of each respective segments 38 relative to the die set. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The assembly 30 is adapted for use in processing elongated webs which present successive segments 38 having target die-cutting regions 42 thereon and carrying imprinted indicia such as fiducials 44 (Fig. 21), the latter being in predetermined positions relative to the corresponding target regions. The assembly 30 is thus designed for high speed yet very accurate die cutting of the successive segments 38. --